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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRUSSELS 2519

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, NATO, BE
SUBJECT: MBRF: DRAFT BELGIAN STATEMENT

REF: VIENNA 3551; STATE 85673; USNATO 2210

1. SUMMARY: WE HAVE BEEN SHOWN REVISED DRAFT, DATED MAY 4, OF BELGIAN STATEMENT THAT CONSOLIDATES POINTS IN MORE LENGTHY VERSION (VIENNA 3551) AND OMITTS MOST OBJECTIONABLE ELEMENTS, NAMELY THE TERM " ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT", REFERENCE TO OTHER REGIONAL SCHEMES AND GENERAL DISARMAMENT, EQUAL MENTION OF INDIGENOUS FORCES, AND USE OF WORD " OVERT" IN CONNECTION WITH VERIFICATION. NEW DRAFT DOES RETAIN ONE REFERENCE TO ARMS LEVELS (NIVEAU DES ARMES) AND A PARAGRAPH ON VERIFICATION. WE HAVE TOLD ADRIAENSSEN, WHO WILL CABLE NEW DRAFT TO VIENNA TODAY, OF OUR REMAINING CONCERNS. NEW DRAFT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY DAVIGNON AND " SHOWN TO" FOREIGN MINISTER (ACCORDING TO ADRIAENSSEN). WE GATHER THAT BELGIANS DO NOT WISH TO DISCUSS FURTHER REVISIONS OF THE STATEMENT, WHICH NOW SEEMS TO BE QUITE ACCEPTABLE. AMBASSADOR HAD INTENDED TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DURING MEETING ON OTHER SUBJECTS SCHEDULED FOR MORNING OF MAY 9, BUT IN VIEW OF ALTERED DRAFT, WE WILL LEAVE REMAINING ATTEMPTS AT REFINEMENT TO US REP MBFR UNLESS DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE, EMD SUMMARY.

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A. WHILE PARA F. REFERENCE TO A DIMINUTION IN THE LEVEL OF ARMS, (NIVEAU DES ARMES), PLUS THE SENTENCE FOLLOWING, ARE RETAINED IN THE NEW DRAFT, THE REMAINDER OF THE PARAGRAPH HAS

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B. THE PASSAGE BETWEEN DASHES IN PARA J. HAS BEEN DROPPED, LEAVING THE FOCUS ON STATIONED FORCES. THE RELEVANT PORTION OF THE NEW DRAFT REFERS ONLY TO " REDUCTIONS APPLIQUEES AUX FORCES STATIONNEES DANS LA REGION CENTRALE DU CONTINENT."

C. THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA L. ON VERIFICATION IS RETAINED, BUT THE SECOND SENTENCE HAS BEEN SOFTENED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
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